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ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1964



EAST ASHFORD (KENT) RURAL DISTRICT

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector for the Year, 1964.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1964.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 11,240 which represents an increase of 260 over that of the previous year.

Live Births and Rate

The number of live-births was 189 (92 M. 97 F.) an increase of 24 over that of the previous year and the crude birthrate was accordingly, 16.82 which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts, becomes 19.85; this rate was higher than that of 18.4 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

The number of stillbirths registered was 3 (1 M. 2 F.) and the stillbirth rate was accordingly 15.63 which was lower than that of 16.3 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

The number of infant deaths was 4 (1 M. 3 F.) and the infantile mortality rate was accordingly 21.16 and was slightly higher than that of 20.9 for England and Wales.

The causes of death were:-

- i. Fulminating tracheo-bronchitis - 3 months
- ii. Prematurity (27 weeks) - 2 hours
- iii. Respiratory distressed Syndrome) - 19 hours
Inter alreslar haemorrhage)
- iv. Asphyxia due to Fulminating Tracheo-Bronchitis) - 2 months
Cot death - Natural Causes.)

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality (i.e. stillbirths and deaths under one week of age) is Prematurity, Asphyxia and Atalectasis, Birth Injuries and Congenital Malformations and the most important maternal factor is Toxaemia of Pregnancy.

Maternal Deaths and Rate

This rate was again nil and there were no deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion.

Total Deaths and Rate

The number of deaths from all causes was 122 (69 M. 53 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 10.85 which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births, is reduced to 8.57 and was lower than that of 11.3 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths, as would naturally be expected, was Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System; of these there were 64.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart caused 22 (15 M. 7 F.) of those deaths, i.e., approximately 36%, in the following age-groups; 3 between 45 - 54 years: 2 between 55 - 64 years: 6 between 65 - 74 years: 11 over 75 years. The majority of deaths were over 65 years of age which would suggest that a degenerative process is one of the causative factors.

Cancer, as invariable in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths, 21 having been registered in the following age-groups; 2 between 1 - 4 years: 3 between 45 - 54: 4 between 55 - 64: 7 between 65 - 74: 5 over 75 years. The majority of deaths were over 65 years. Many elderly people delay in seeking medical advice, the insidious nature of the disease being a contributory factor.

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus was the cause of three deaths, all males, in the following age-groups: 2 between 65 - 74, and one over 75 years. Although these figures are small, the ratio of male to female deaths follows the usual pattern and may approximate to the ratio of male to female cigarette smokers.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no exceptional mortality.

Infectious Diseases

The incidence of notifiable infectious diseases was low throughout the District during the year.

Measles

Thirteen cases were notified in comparison with 217 the previous year. This follows the usual pattern of outbreaks occurring every second year. Today Measles is a relatively mild disease, and its complications which are now less frequent, are treated successfully with Antibiotics or the Sulpha drugs, Acute Encephalo-myelitis which is rare, being the only exception.

It is equivocal whether it should still be a statutory notifiable disease.

Dysentery

Six cases of Shigella sonnei Dysentery were notified; five of those occurred in one family, but none was seriously ill. Fortunately, it is a relatively mild disease, and many patients do not consult their family Practitioners. For this reason the carrier state is widespread. Personal hygiene, that is the simple precaution of washing hands after toilet and before meals would break the chain of infection.

Whooping Cough

Twenty-four cases were notified but there were no deaths or serious complications.

Preventive vaccination which is done routinely in Child Welfare Centres, and also by the family Practitioners is gradually proving effective as more and more infants become vaccinated.

Food Poisoning

One case was notified due to Salmonella typhi-murium. This is the most common organism to cause food-poisoning, but outbreaks are uncommon - it usually occurs sporadically.

Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia

Four cases of this illness were notified. Including the Secondary Pneumonias which are not notifiable, there were four deaths, of whom three were over 75 years.

Tuberculosis

It is noteworthy to record that no new case of Respiratory or of non-Respiratory Tuberculosis was notified and also that there was no death.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the District was very satisfactory throughout the year, and I would wish to thank you for your interest in the Department and the staff for their efficiency and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MARSHALL. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1964

Area:- 51.398 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population 11,240

Number of Inhabited Houses According
to the Rate Books 4,046

Rateable Value:- £285,736

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate £1,120

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

East Ashford Rural District is predominantly agricultural in character - there are few light industries. The Council has been progressive in building 100 pre-war and 533 post-war Traditional Houses and generally social conditions are very satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	M.	F.	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	East Ashford Rural District	England and Wales
1.	<u>Live Births</u>	189	92	97	16.82 (Adjusted Rate 19.85)	18.4	
	(a) Legitimate	183	90	93			
	(b) Illegitimate	6	2	4			
2.	<u>Stillbirths</u>	3	1	2	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	15.63	16.3
	(a) Legitimate	3	1	2			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3.	<u>Total live and still-births</u>	192	93	99			
4.	<u>Deaths</u>	122	69	53	Death rate per 1,000 resident population.	10.85 (Adjusted Rate 8.57)	11.3
5.	<u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	-	Not Available
6.	<u>Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age</u>	4	1	3	Rate per 1,000 live births	21.16	20.9
	(a) Legitimate	4	1	3	Rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	21.86	
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	-	
7.	<u>Deaths of Infants Under Four Weeks of Age</u>	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	10.58	
	(a) Legitimate	2	1	1			
	(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
8.	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births					3.17%	
9.	Deaths from Cancer (all ages)					21	
	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)					-	
	Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea					-	
	Deaths from Measles					-	

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

Measles	...	...	13
Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	4
Dysentery	...	...	6
Food Poisoning	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	24

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EAST ASHFORD RURAL

DISTRICT DURING 1964

ALL CAUSES	Males	Females
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	69	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4
13. Malignant neoplas, uterus	-	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	4
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
16. Diabetes	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	9
18. Coronary disease, angina	15	7
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
20. Other heart disease	7	6
21. Other circulatory disease	7	4
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	3	1
24. Bronchitis	3	4
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	3
34. All other accidents	1	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1964

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Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Total cases on Register			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	36
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	8
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
35 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
45 ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		

There were no deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation and whooping cough immunisation figures for 1964 based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Diphtheria Immunisation (Singly or in combination)</u>		<u>Whooping Cough Immunisation (Singly or in combination)</u>
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Reinforcing</u>	
1964	55	-	55
1963	75	1	75
1962	5	44	4
1961	1	6	1
1960	1	4	1
1955-1959	6	77	5
1950-1954	-	1	-
Total	143	133	141

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

<u>Year</u>	<u>3rd and 4th Dose (Salk and Oral)</u>	<u>3 Orals (Complete Course)</u>
1964	-	23
1963	-	151
1962	-	43
1961	-	9
1949-1960	83	6
1933-1948	1	-
Others	-	3

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

<u>Primary Vaccination 1 Year</u>	<u>Re-Vaccination School Age but Under 8 Years</u>
78	-

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for the year
1964

Senior Public Health Inspector
J. H. Meurice, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.

(R. Stevenson, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.
until retirement in October, 1964)

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Ashford, Kent,

To the Chairman and Councillors of the
East Ashford Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to honour to present my first annual report on the sanitary circumstances of the district for the year 1964.

At the beginning of the year there came into operation The Animal Boarding Establishments Act this was followed by the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act and later by the Housing Act all of which added to the work of the department. With the retirement of Mr. Stevenson early in October and the fact that a new assistant could not take up the appointment until the New Year it was not possible to carry out fully the duties of the department during the last three months of the year and no general inspections under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act were made.

It was possible during the year to carry out a 100% meat inspection as required by the new regulations. Practically the whole of the inspection of meat being done during the evenings.

The clearance of unfit houses continued during the year at a reasonable rate. Since 1956 over a 100 properties have been closed or demolished.

Applications for Improvement and Standard Grants continued to come in and approvals were granted in respect of 35 properties.

I am,

Your obedient servant

JOHN H. MEURICE

Senior Public Health Inspector.

WATER SUPPLY

The mains water supply in the area is provided by the Mid-Kent Water Company. Most of the area is covered by a mains supply, only the more isolated properties are without such a supply. One estate, namely Eastwell Park, have their own private supply, and some 26 properties within the estate are connected to this supply. No extensions of mains have been carried out this year. None of the supplies is plumbo-solvent. In the parish of Ruckinge four properties obtain their domestic water from a stand pipe.

Examination of Water Supplies

(1) BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Statutory Supply Undertakings -	Raw	-	-
	Treated	12	nil
Private Sources Piped to Dwellings	1	1	nil
Other Private Sources - (Wells, etc.)	1	-	1

No samples for chemical examination were taken by this department during the year.

Houses supplied from private sources (piped) ...	26
Houses supplied from wells etc.	50
Houses supplied by Mid Kent Water Company	3,944
Number of houses in East Ashford R.D.	4,020
Number of houses connected to main during year .	109

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Five villages within the area are sewered two of these being only partially seweraged (ie. Mersham and Brabourne Lees) Wye, Hamstreet and Chilham all having new works. A major scheme for the seweraging of Brabourne Lees and Smeeth in the East Ashford area and

Scallding in the Elham area has now started. The first stage being the construction of the works which are situated within the Elham area. Works of laying the sewers in Brabourne Lees and Smeeth will start next year. The sewerage of this expanding area is a big step forward and will relieve the pressure on the cesspool emptying service. It is a great pity, however, that the works will not be available for the disposal of cesspool waste from houses in the surrounding areas.

Schemes are being prepared for the villages of Brook, Bilsington, Ruckinge and Warehorne.

Cesspool Emptying

The emptying of cesspools in all parts of the district is undertaken by the Council twice yearly on request. The work is carried out by a Contractor on the Council's behalf. During the year 1771 cesspools were emptied by the Contractor at a total cost of £2,806. This shows an increase over last year. This yearly increase is being felt by the Contractor and the waiting period between ordering and emptying has been getting worse over the past few years. At the present time the average delay is 6 weeks, in some cases it has been as much as 8 weeks. Obviously this sort of delay is not acceptable and unless the Contractor can cut this waiting period to not more than two weeks by early in the new year some action must be taken to see that a better service is provided and maintained.

Drainage

Total number of inhabited houses	4,020
Total number of houses connected to sewer	1,025
Number of houses not connected to sewer	2,995
Number of houses with pail closets (estimated)	667
Number of houses connected to cesspools	2,328

During the year thirteen houses were converted from pail closets to a water closet and septic tank drainage rather lower than in previous years.

The number of houses will gain closets 667 is an estimated number only. It is hoped that next year a beginning will be made on a survey of properties to check this figure when it will be found no doubt that a considerable number of properties have been converted in the past few years. The last survey was carried out in 1947. It is anticipated that the final number will still be rather high and every effort will be made to persuade owners to modernise with the aid of an improvement grant.

Food & Drugs Administration

Registered Premises

There has been no change in the number of premises required by the Food & Drugs Act 1955 to be registered. The total is 53 and made up as follows:-

(i) Retailers of ice-cream	....	46
(ii) Preparation and manufacture of sausages and preserved foods etc.	....	7

During the year inspections were made of these premises, special attention being given to those where open food is handled. All the retailers of ice-cream sell prepacked ice-cream from one or the other of the large combines. A total of 98 visits were made to registered premises.

Food Premises

The total number of food premises of all types is now 110. Inspections were made to all these premises under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 as follows:-

Bake houses	...	4
Butchers and meat product manufacturers	...	12
Catering establishments & clubs	...	32
Dairies	...	5
Fish (including) fried	...	1
Licenced Premises	...	34
Slaughter houses	...	117
Stalls, etc.	...	nil
Other food premises	...	72

As a result of these visits 7 informal notices were served (mostly verbal). All the premises concerned were improved as a result of these notices. The standard of food premises in the area is generally very satisfactory.

Milk & Dairies

Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

The number of registered distributors within the district is now 13 and the number of registered dairies 7. No complaints were received during the year.

Meat Inspection

With only the one private slaughterhouse in the district the inspection of meat would not normally present much of a problem. Due, however, to the times of slaughtering all inspections have to be made out of normal working hours. During the year there was a small increase in the number of animals killed and inspected, the figure for 1964 being 2,420 against the figure for 1963 which was 2,275. The slaughterhouse itself presents no problems, being up-to-date in construction and equipment. Most of the meat coming from this slaughterhouse is sold in the owners own shops and is of an exceptionally high quality, this is confirmed by the following details of percentage of meat condemned.

Unsound Food

Apart from diseased meat from the slaughterhouse and odd tinned food the only major item of food condemned during the year was 1,640 tins of mix fruit from a Storage Depot at Chilham. These tins had been contaminated by sea water and stored without cleaning.

Unsound food is disposed of by burying on the Council tip under supervision or in the case of meat or meat products by Eastern By-Products Ltd.

DETAILS OF MEAT INSPECTION AND
PERCENTAGE OF MEAT CONDEMNED

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP LAMBS	PIGS	HORSES
Number Killed	324	-	31	1257	808	-
Number Inspected	324	-	31	1257	808	-
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	16	-	-	1	-	-
Percentage of no. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	4.629	-	-	.079	.123	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of Slaughter Houses in use	Use Private Slaughter Houses		Bacon Factories	Knackers Yards
	Licensed	Operating		
Slaughter-Houses/Abattoirs in operation owned or eased by Local Authority	1	1	NIL	NIL

Housing & Public Health Acts

(1) Unfit Houses

The clearance of individual unfit houses continues and during the year Demolition Orders were made on eight properties and undertakings accepted in respect of three others. Since 1956 over an hundred properties have been demolished or closed, something in the region of three per cent of houses in the district. Some of the properties closed have since been made fit. I should say that this figure compares very favourably with those of other Local Authorities of a similar type and size.

(2) Improvement Grants

There was an increase in the number of Improvement and Standard Grants approved during the year, a total of 35 compared with 30 last year.

(i) Discretionary Grants

Thirty applications for Improvement Grants were received during the year, all were approved. The cost of works involved was £28,230 and the amount of grant £8,953.

(ii) Standard Grants

Only five applications for standard grants were received during the year, one less than last year. The total cost of works involved was £1,550 and the amount of grant was £775.

(3) Inspections

Public Health Acts & Housing Acts

Number of Inspections of dwellings re repairs	...	43
Number of dwellings made fit	...	46
Number of inspections for purposes of sections 16/17 Housing Act (Demolition and Closing Orders)	...	54

Improvement Grants

Number of Inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	...	310
Number of inspection in connection with Standard Grants	...	34

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	Clearance Areas (Housing Act 1957)	Disabled During Year		
		Houses Demolished	Persons	Families
(1)	Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-	-
(3)	Houses on land acquired under section 43(2) Housing Act 1957 Not in clearance areas	-	-	-
(4)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act 1975	4	4	2

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

		Number		
(5)	Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	3	3	1
(6)	Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(7)	Parts of building closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

		By Owner		By Local Authority	
(8)	After informal action by Local Authority.	37		-	
(9)	After formal action under:				
	(a) Public Health Acts	-		-	
	(b) Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act 1957	5		-	
(10)	Under Section 24 Housing Act 1957	1		-	

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING ACT 1957)

	Position at End of Year	No. of Houses (1)		Number of Separate Dwellings Contained in Column (1) (2)	
(11)	Retained for temporary accommodation	-		-	
	(a) Under Section 48	-		-	
	(b) Under Section 17(2)	-		-	
	(c) Under Section 46	-		-	
(12)	Licenced for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 35				

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

		No. of Houses (1)		Number of Occupants of Houses in Column (1) (2)	
(13)	Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders, purchased in the year.	-		-	

Public Health Acts

Number of inspections ie:-

Caravans	... 109
Aged and infirmed persons	... 6
Vermin	... 2
Dust and smoke nuisances	... 9

<u>Notices Served</u>	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health	4	-
Housing	6	22

As the result of inspections of dwellings carried out during the year the following works were effected:-

Drainage systems provided (septic tank)	... 13
Water closets provided	... 13
Ventilated food stores provided	... 15
Floors renewed	... 20
Hot water systems provided	... 22
Wash basins provided	... 22
Baths provided	
Drains repaired	... 5
Sinks renewed	... 14
Natural lighting to dwellings improved	... 6
Dampers to walls	... 18
Roofs repaired or renewed	... 5

in addition to the above many minor items of repairs were effected.

(4) Housing

At the end of the year there were 185 families on the Council's waiting list. During the year 6 families in unfit houses were rehoused by the Council, who completed 32 new houses. The number of private houses built during the year rose to 103.

Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act 1964

The Act came into force during the year. Persons employing labour in premises to the which this Act applies were required to register with the Local Authority (or other Authority as required) by

August 1st up to the end of the year 73 premises had been registered and these are divided up as follows:-

Offices	...	20
Retail Shops	...	41
Wholesale shops and warehouses	...	2
Catering establishments open to the public and canteens	...	9
Fuel Storage Depots	...	1

A total of 229 persons are employed of which 97 are males and 132 females. A visit was made to all known premises and the requirements were explained. Due to the shortage of staff in the latter part of the year no general inspections were carried out.

Refuse Collection and Disposal Collection

The collection of house refuse is carried out on a fortnightly basis in about two thirds of the district. The remaining third receives a weekly collection, this covers the following villages:- Hamstreet, Mersham, Ruckinge, Warehorne and Wye. Refuse is collected from the kerbside and only in the cases of elderly or infirmed persons is the refuse collected from the dwelling itself. During the year a small number of complaints against this type of collection were received. I feel, however, that the majority of the rate payers are only too pleased to accept the small task of putting out the dustbin in the interests of a worthwhile economy, as a back door collection would almost double the present collection costs. Two collection vehicles are in use a third vehicle is on order. During the year the Council agreed to commence a weekly collection of house refuse throughout the district as from April, 1965.

Disposal

Refuse is disposed of by tipping. Four tips are at present in operation. One of these tips is almost filled and a new tip nearby is now being prepared. It is hoped to purchase the tip at Aldington and carry out major alterations. This tip is at present open to everyone making tip maintenance rather difficult.

Staff

The staff at present engaged on refuse collection and disposal consists of 4 driver/loaders and two loaders. They make a good team and I am very pleased with their work during the year.

Paper Salvage

The collection of waste paper and rags continued at an excellent rate during the year and for the third year running has shown an increase in the tonnage collected. We are of course fortunate in having a very good outlet for this waste paper.

YEAR	TONNAGE			VALUE		
	Tons	Cwts	Qts	£.	s.	d.
1962	161.	7.	2.	1306.	9.	11.
1963	170.	17.	2.	1389.	10.	5.
1964	182.	10.	1.	1488.	9.	7.

Disinfection

It was not found necessary to disinfect any premises or articles during the year.

Disinfestation

The number of houses found to be infested with was as follows:

	Bugs	Fleas	Cockroaches
Council houses	-	2	-
Other houses	-	1	-

Litter

In an effort to encourage the use of litter bins, weekly collections are made to all roadside litter bins, more often on certain routes in the summer if time permits. At the same time collections are made from litter baskets in most of the villages. From time to time during the year, special collections were made from various places in the District where persons had indiscriminately thrown rubbish of all kinds. The cost of this service is borne by

the general rate payer, with the exception of payments made by the County Council on behalf of the Ministry of Transport in respect of the cost of clearing refuse from lay-bys on the A.20, most of this letter being disposed of by persons living without the District.

Derelict Cars

I am pleased to say that Council's efforts to fight this country wide problem met with unqualified success. I am not sure what the legal position is, I do know however, that straightforward action in this case not only led to the removal of an unsightly wreck in a very pretty lane in the District, but also to the recovery of the costs. It may be that recovery of costs will not always follow the removal of a derelict car, but I feel that such wrecks should be removed despite this and not left as is done in many areas.

Hop-Pickers Camps

There are now only two small camps in use for hop pickers and seasonal workers. It is estimated that 40 persons used the camps during the year.

Caravan Sites

There are no multiple caravan sites in the area. Individual licences have been issued in 12 cases for single caravans.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

The administration of this Act in its first year produced no difficulties, owners of Animal Boarding Establishments in the district were most co-operative. Three Licences were issued.

Rodent Control

I am pleased to report that during the first full year since the appointment of a full-time Rodent Operator considerable progress has been made as you will see from the following table. Visits were up by more than 33 per cent. More time was spent on the Council's refuse tips with considerable success. Very little time is available for survey work on agricultural premises as is desired by the Ministry.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc.Council Houses)	(3) All Other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols.(1) (2)&(3)	(5) Agricul
i Number of properties in Local Authority's District	10	3,820	482	4,312	801
ii Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	-	140	3	143	?
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common rat	Major	-	31	2	33
	Minor	-	108	1	109
Ship rat	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	-	-	-
House mouse	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	1	-	1
iii Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	10	233	2	245	.
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
common rat	Major	2	93	1	96
	Minor	2	138	1	140
ship rat	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	-	-	-
house mouse	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor	-	-	-	-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY					(5) Agricultura	
	Non-Agricultural				(4) Total of Cols.(1) (2)&(3)		
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc.Council Houses)	(3) All Other (including Business Premises)				
iv Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-							
Common rat	Major	-	-	-	-	-	
	Minor	-	-	-	-	-	
Ship rat	Major	-	-	-	-	-	
	Minor	-	-	-	-	-	
House mouse	Major	-	-	-	-	-	
	Minor	-	-	-	-	-	
v Total inspections carried out including re-inspections (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	104	1,518	21	1,643	9		
vi Number of infested properties (in Sections ii, iii, and iv) treated by the L.A.	4	371	5	380	2		
ii Total treatments carried out including re-treatments.	25	371	5	380	2		
iii Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act;							
a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	
b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc.Council Houses)	(3) All Other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols.(1) (2)&(3)	
IX Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
X Legal Proceedings (see XII below)	-	-	-	-	-
XI Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	16				
XII Where legal proceedings have been instituted by the Local Authority brief particulars should be given here:-			NIL		
XIII Any other points of interest.			NIL		

Factories Act, 1961

The following table sets out details of inspections made under the Factories Act, 1961.

1.

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	NUMBER OF		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	38	28	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	40	30		

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			No. of cases in which proceedings were instituted	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspection (5)	
ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
} Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
} Unsuitable or def- ective	3	3	-	-	-
) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	4	-	-	-

There are now outworkers employed in the District.

